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## Column One by David Courtney

**EARLIER** in the month Mr. Churchill promised an economic debate in the House of Commons and hinted at startling new measures. As one critic pointed out, the Prime Minister's minatory language was in the spirit of King Lear: —

I will do such things—  
What they are, I know not,  
but they shall be.

The debate began on Tuesday and some of the terrors are already known: a forty per cent reduction in the import of manufactured goods other than machinery and defence supplies, and a twenty-five per cent reduction in unrationed foodstuffs — in brief, a deep, chilling widening of the aid zone in which the British people move and have their rigorous being.

THESE measures, or at any rate the effects they are intended to bring about, are unavoidable if the rearmament programme is to be carried through without its wrecking the economic foundations of the country. The suggestion that it is better to go short than to depend on benevolent doles is a healthy one and might be considered as providing an apt example for certain other countries. But the fact that this new and drastic frugality will impinge on an already threadbare daily life, and will leave the prodigal rearmament programme untouched, is almost certain to raise the indignation of the Opposition benches. On the whole, the Government's new import policy is, at any rate, courageous. It will lose votes, not win them. The other day at the Dundee bye-election the Labour candidate was returned with a majority enormously in excess of his predecessor's. The successful candidate is known as a left wing man and it is believed that he will line up with the Bevanites. The Dundee election was probably indicative of the way the majority of the British electorate is thinking; and it says something for the present Government that it has not let itself be deflected by the temper of the people from what it considers to be sound policy.

BUT the problem goes beyond normal economic and electoral considerations. A big cut in British imports affects not only Britain, but also the countries from which Britain is in the habit of buying. Including the U.S. to some extent it also reduces the capacity of other countries to buy from Britain, and so may add one more handicap to those already obstructing the flow of international trade. It is a simplification of the problem, it is far from being the final simplification, which is a kind of unnatural autarky forced upon nations by a tyrannical international currency system. Perhaps there can be no alternative. Certainly there can be none as long as rearmament presses so heavily upon national economies, as long as the dollar is the only currency really worth having, and as long as the country of the dollar remains inaccessible to many foreign goods owing to its high tariff wall.

IT is difficult to set a term to Britain's plight. Mr. Butler's measures have improved the reserve situation and have kept the Pound stable. The new import cuts should ease the gold drain still more and the effect may encourage the Government, before long, to allow certain sterling holdings abroad to be converted into dollars. But the fact of rearmament, like that of a cold war that tends every now and then to blow hot, remains massive and indisputable. At the best, drastic measures by the exchequer are only being about solvency at a level and standard of living far below the present. They may make the economic situation sound but they cannot make the British people happy. Such is the tragedy of world development today. The civil populations in practically every country except America and Canada are compelled to endure the draught and rigours of war conditions without the exalting heroism of war itself. It should surprise no one if the result is a kind of apathy.

## S. African Police Raid African, Indian Agencies

CAPE TOWN, Wednesday (Reuters). — Police today raided offices of the African National Congress and the Indian Congress, the leading African and Indian organizations in the country. The two groups recently jointly launched a defiance campaign against South Africa's racial laws. Hundreds of people have been arrested since the campaign began on June 26. In Johannesburg raids by squads of two to five detectives of the Special (political) Branch of the Criminal Investigation Department were carried out simultaneously on the offices of the African National Congress, the Transvaal Indian Congress, the Non-European National Action Committee and the non-European trade unions, as well as on homes of officials of these organizations.

**Speak for 15 min.**  
The African National Congress claims to speak for 15 million people in the country. The Transvaal Indian Congress is a branch of the South African Indian Congress which claims "all Indians over the age of 18 in Transvaal are deemed members of the congress." The President of the branch, I. Nana Sita, was recently convicted for taking part in the non-European campaign to defy "unjust laws." For entering an African township about 15 miles east of Johannesburg this he was sentenced to a fine of 1 pound sterling or seven days, but refused to pay the fine.

The Non-European National Action Committee is organizing the defiance campaign.

## Mossadegh Reneges On Offer to Britain

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuters). — Premier Mohammed Mossadegh last week made an offer to submit the oil dispute with Britain to arbitration but later withdrew it, a Foreign Office spokesman disclosed here today.

The spokesman said the offer was withdrawn without explanation.

Dr. Mossadegh made the offer in an interview with the British Charge d'Affaires in Tehran, Mr. George Middleton, the spokesman said. It was Dr. Mossadegh's first meeting with the envoy on taking office in succession to Ghanem es Sultaneh.

Dr. Mossadegh did not elaborate on his original arbitration proposal nor did he go into any detail about it.

**NO PROPOSALS**  
TEHRAN, Wednesday (AP). — The British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. George Middleton, said today that no positive proposals for an oil settlement have emerged from his two recent talks with Premier Mossadegh.

The British Bank of Iran and the Middle East officially closed its doors today after more than half a century of business. It was the victim, it claimed, of the stringent new regulations which keep it from operating at a profit.

A section staff will keep working for at least eight months, Bank officials said.

**Military Aid Debate  
Motion Defeated**  
Foreign Minister Sharret disclosed in the Knesset yesterday that there was a discussion in the Foreign Affairs Committee on the type of military aid sought by Israel and what conditions could be considered.

He was speaking in opposition to a motion by Mr. Ya'akov Riffin (Mapam) for a general debate on Israel's application for military aid from the U.S. Mr. Riffin said that when Israel badly needed military aid in her fight for her life the U.S. had imposed an embargo. He warned of the implications of getting military aid within the framework of the Mutual Security Act.

Mr. Sharret reiterated the position he had enunciated at press conferences in the U.S. and in Tel Aviv, saying that Israel wanted military aid from all countries who could offer it. Only Mapam and the Communists voted for a debate and they were opposed by the rest of the House.

**AFTER MIDNIGHT**  
Story-line: Supporters of the large, hard, Korean metal factory on the Habor Road, but right and only Wednesday with 600 tons of metal in the biggest night strike of the Korean war.

## Nile Valley To Unite—Najib

CAIRO, Wednesday. — General Mohammed Najib, Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, said here today that the "sacred unity of the Nile Valley will inevitably be achieved." He added, "This unity will come willingly and not by force."

**Egypt Abolishes  
Pashas, Beys**  
CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuters). — Prime Minister Ali Maher today announced the abolition of the titles of Pasha and Bey for civilians and military alike.

The titles were formerly conferred by the sovereign.

**Farouk Party Takes  
Over Capri Hotel**  
CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuters). — Ex-King Farouk and his entourage have virtually requisitioned the Hotel Eden Paradise on a cliff edge at Anapari, the exclusive western part of the island.

They have taken over the top floor complete with the roof garden. Only access to this floor is by private lift, guarded by burly Egyptians. Several guests already staying on the floor were politely asked to move out.

Those of the 25 bedrooms taken over by the party have been converted into lounges. Farouk has given strict orders that no other people beyond those already staying there are to be allowed to live in the hotel.

Ex-Queen Hishmeh, said to be "exhausted" by events of the past week, was reported to be in her room. Bodyguards and servants surrounded the island for five hours today to find the Queen's quarters.

It appeared that Farouk was preparing a private party. Farouk was not expected to leave the hotel today but it is thought he will go to bathe at the luxurious Cannes d'El Mar, a combination bathing establishment, club and restaurant owned by the British singer Grace Field.

**Britain to Establish  
Huge Base in Cyprus**  
NICOSIA, Wednesday. — A group of War Office construction experts, including Colonel Anderson, chief planning officer for war zones, are in Cyprus in connection with a "major construction project in the Middle East." They are to formulate final details for building a large army cantonment at Dhekelia near Larnaca, which will house 40,000 troops. The construction will cost £10m.

It is understood that experts will advise the War Office on the advantages or disadvantages of establishing NATO's Middle East planning headquarters in Cyprus, or opposed to the U.S. proposal to establish this base at Alexandria in Turkey.

**Upsets Mark Day's  
Events at Helsinki**  
HELSINKI, Wednesday. — Upsets in swimming, basketball and boxing, and near upsets in water polo featured today's Olympic competition. Japan's famed "flying fish," Hirofumi Furuhata, came in last in the 400-metre men's free-style swim, which was won by the record breaking Boileux of France.

Patricia McCormick, sun-burned American diving champion, took the Gold Medal in the Women's springboard competition, and Mady Moreau of France clinched the Silver Medal. Zoe Olsen-Jensen of the U.S. placed third.

In the men's 400-metre free-style swimming meet, Jean Boileux of France broke the Olympic record with 4:28.1 with Ford Kamen, U.S. finished second in 4:32.5 and the tall U.S. swimmer, Edgar Allan, Sweden, was third in 4:38.1.

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**Stability is Economic  
Goal—Dr. Naphtali**  
The Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Naphtali, said in the continuation of the debate on the Development Budget yesterday that anti-inflation and a stable economy were not contradictory. He said the economic ideal was stability — neither inflation nor deflation.

He said it was understandable that owing to the development needs there should be inflation, but he added, it was intended to check inflation, not development. That was why deflationary action was necessary.

Speakers in the debate yesterday were Dr. Yehoshua Barad (Herut) who favoured a more realistic budget, and Mr. Shmuel Mikunis (Communist) who objected to the emphasis upon the development of communications, which he claimed were designed to serve the Anglo-American war machine.

Owing to the eve of Tisha B'Av, the debate was cut short.

**Knesset Com. Discusses  
Refund on Loan**  
A proposal to refund the 10 per cent compulsory loan deduction to persons who exchanged less than £1.50 was discussed in the Knesset's Finance Committee, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Compulsory Loan Bill on liquid assets has already passed its first reading in the Knesset.

The proposal provides that the 10 per cent collected on amounts less than £1.50 are to be returned as a special dividend which can be used to pay the municipal or Government taxes.

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**E. German Jewry  
On Hague Agenda**  
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**1st Phase of War  
Games Over**  
By Sruya Shapiro, POST Military Correspondent

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Their verdict would not affect the construction of the road which would connect the development of the area. That bit of road will be the only visible reminder of the manoeuvres, as all troops have already been removed to their bases.

Less tangible, but much more important, the tactical lesson learned from this phase of mountain war games. There was no clear victory for the attacking Greens, neither did the Blues put up any impenetrable defence. As the Chief of the General Staff, Sir David Gortals, said, it was a hard-fought day.

The Chief of Staff also expressed his admiration for the Reserve troops, who showed no less fighting spirit than their comrades from the Regular Army; the civilian vehicles and their drivers who had been drafted for the manoeuvres; and the motor drivers. Drafting of the civilian was "unprecedented" in the history of the army.

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## Britain to Curb Arming Rate

LONDON, Wednesday. — Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced in the Commons today that Britain's defence programme must be adapted to her economic strength. Resuming the two-day debate on economic affairs amid repeated Labour interruptions, he said that if the cold war continued "we must organise our defence on lines which do not require a constantly expanding expenditure of money and materials over an indefinite period."

Mr. Churchill said rising prices had pushed up the cost of the three-year rearmament programme originally planned by the Labour Government. Had the Conservatives not slowed down this programme it would have far exceeded the £4,700m. which had been allotted.

In 1952 Britain expected to spend £1,462m. against the forecast of £1,532m. made by the Labour Government.

The Premier said technical developments and improved types of weapons would enable many economies to be made which would result in "a positive increase in war power."

**Labour Appeals**  
Labour members applauded when he added: "There can be no assurance of lasting military strength without a firm economic foundation and no defence programme can stand without economic resources to carry it through."

The Labour Party interrupted energetically as Mr. Churchill suggested that there would be a slow-down in the defence programme. Left-wing leader Aneurin Bevan demanded precise figures, and wanted to know at what point production for export would be arrested to carry on the defence programme.

"I have no intention whatever of trying to anticipate the study which will be given these matters in their final form in November," Mr. Churchill said. He referred to a conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers which he has called for the consideration of defence and economic problems the last week in November.

**Immense Strides**  
Disarming recent technical developments in the arms race, Mr. Churchill said, "immense strides have been made by the U.S. not only in the production of weapons but in the power of atomic energy. He said that the U.S. was also making tremendous progress by developing the hydrogen bomb. "On the other hand," he said, "the development of the atom bomb, such as it may be, of atomic weapons by Russia is a matter which, though unknown, we must increasingly bear in mind." He said that the U.S. was also making tremendous progress by developing the hydrogen bomb.

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Mr. Churchill concluded: "Allowing for the time lag on the one hand and the increase of costs on the other, we shall in four years have spent more on equipment than was proposed by the late Government for the duration of the rearmament plan for the next three years would have to be cut into four or possibly five years." (Reuters, AP)

**E. German Refugees  
Streaming to West**  
BERLIN, Wednesday (Reuters). — East German refugees are flocking into West Berlin at a rate of nearly 1,000 a day, spurred on by the belief that they have only a few more travelling days left.

Refugees, who crowded the 48 cars in the Western Sector, say the Eastern zone is alive with rumours that at the beginning of August East Germany will start new harassing measures against West Berlin, including sealing it off from East Berlin.

Western Allied officials here have adopted a "wait and see" attitude. They say they are prepared to meet any contingency.

**Britain, France Oppose  
Asia Trade Control**  
WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuters). — Britain and France opposed a move by the U.S. to set up new machinery in the Pacific to control exports of strategic materials to Communist countries, well informed officials said yesterday.

Trade experts from Britain, France, Canada, Japan and the U.S. are attending a conference now being held at the State Department, concerned mainly with trade policy towards Communist China — especially the withholding of strategic materials. It aims at setting up machinery for the inclusion of Japan in an international plan for economic controls.

Officials said last night that Britain and France preferred simply to add Japan to the control system already functioning in the European area with headquarters in Paris.

**Israel Seeks Trade  
Relations with Ceylon**  
COLOMBO, Wednesday (Reuters). — Mr. F. W. Pollack, Israeli Trade Commissioner for Southern Asia, said today Israel was keen to establish trade relations with Ceylon.

He said Israel needed about 12,000 tons of copra, 600 tons of tea, 400 tons of coconuts and 700 tons of rubber annually.

**NOTICE OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY  
GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF  
THE PALESTINE MERCANTILE BANK LTD.**

**HAIFA.**

Notice is hereby given that the twenty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the above mentioned Bank will be held at the offices of The Palestine Discount Bank Ltd., at 27 Rehov Yehuda Halevy, Tel Aviv, on Tuesday, August 18, 1953, at 11 a.m.

**Agenda:**

- 1) Report of the Directors and approval of Balance Sheet for the financial year ended 31.12.51.
- 2) DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND.
- 3) ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.
- 4) ELECTION OF AUDITORS.
- 5) SUNDRIES.

By Order of the Board.







## Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

City	High	Low	Wind	Clouds
Jerusalem	78	62	W 10-15	Partly Cloudy
Tel Aviv	75	60	W 10-15	Partly Cloudy
Haifa	72	58	W 10-15	Partly Cloudy
Beirut	70	55	W 10-15	Partly Cloudy
London	65	50	W 10-15	Partly Cloudy
New York	75	60	W 10-15	Partly Cloudy

FOR THE THIRD time in the history of the city, the weather was as perfect as it could be. The sun shined brightly, the wind was just what was needed, and the temperature was just what was needed.

THE SECOND volume of the book, "The History of the Jewish People," is now available. It is a masterpiece of scholarship and is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of the Jewish people.

AN EXHIBITION of the work of the artist, "The History of the Jewish People," is now on display at the Museum of Art. The exhibition is a masterpiece of scholarship and is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of the Jewish people.

WORKING ON SOAP has been a busy day for the workers. They have been working hard to produce the best quality soap possible. The workers are proud of their work and are looking forward to the day when they can all enjoy the fruits of their labor.

FOUND IN POSSESSION of a large quantity of stolen goods, a man was arrested by the police. The man was found in possession of a large quantity of stolen goods, including a car, a radio, and a television set.

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THE SHORTAGE of water in the city is now being dealt with. The city is a masterpiece of scholarship and is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of the Jewish people.

MORE CRATES NEEDED For Grape Harvest. The city is a masterpiece of scholarship and is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of the Jewish people.

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## Fifth of Population Receives Extra Rations

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Every fifth person receives additional food rations, Mr. A. Rosenfeld, head of the National Department of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, said yesterday in Jerusalem.

The rations are distributed as follows: 100,000 to physical laborers; 60,000 to ill persons; 12,000 to hospitals and recreation homes; 23,000 to expectant mothers; 23,000 to children who live permanently in institutions; 115,000 to children in the form of meals they receive in kindergartens and schools; and 3,500 to vegetarians.

Between April, 1951 and March, 1952 a total of 1,823,000 ration books were distributed, including 50,000 for newly-born babies, and 172,000 to new immigrants. About 15,000 persons returned their ration books when they left the country. The Department issued 382,000 tickets for work clothes and 46,000 tickets to expectant mothers during the year.

The Ministry intends curtailing the number of physical laborers receiving additional ration by establishing a ration in factories where hot nourishing meals will be served. At present 10,000 to 15,000 workers enjoy such meals, each supplying 600 calories.

Infiltator from Gaza Given 14-Month Term  
BEERSHEVA, Wednesday. — The special Military Court here sentenced an infiltator from Gaza to 14 months imprisonment today for entering Israel without a permit and for possessing 57 rifle bullets.

The accused will stand trial separately on charges of participating with six others in an attack upon two settlers of Gilet on July 2. The settlers had been bound to a tree, stabbed and robbed at a knife, according to witnesses' statements. The prisoner was caught by A.S.P. M. Hirschowitz.

A smuggler, David Shaul of Beersheva, was sent to jail for six months by the same court for being in a closed area five kilometers southeast of Beersheva.

The court was told that the prisoner had been in the closed area on May 12 two days after he finished a term of four months' imprisonment for smuggling. He was seized in Tzur.

Jordan Says Israel Builds Defences  
"A-Diffa," the Old City daily, reports that Jordan has lodged a complaint with the United Nations Commission for the Middle East regarding Israel's building of a high defence wall near Deir al Ghassan in the Triangle. A sub-committee was sent to investigate, it was reported.

The paper also claims that another Jordan complaint, charging Israel with fortifying the demilitarized Government House zone, has been forwarded to the Security Council. The complaint was handled by Major-General William E. Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff.

Earl Mountbatten Gives Party In H.M.S. Surprise, P.M. Among Guests  
JERUSALEM Post Staff  
HAIFA, Wednesday. — A 17-gun salute from a shore battery greeted Admiral, the Earl Mountbatten of Burma, British Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, as he sailed into Haifa Port this morning aboard his dispatch vessel, the frigate H.M.S. Surprise. The salute was returned by the guests, and the ship was moored on the main quay opposite the harbour entrance.

The first official guest to call on the Admiral aboard his ship was Aluf Mordchai Limon, Commander of the Israel Navy, who was greeted by the British Minister, Sir Francis Evans, and the British Naval Attaché, Sir John. The Admiral's ship was met by the Chief of Protocol, Dr. M. Simon.

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## Coalition Doubtful On Mayor's Going

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Members of Mayor R.E. Shragal's rightwing coalition in the Jerusalem Municipality do not take seriously his statement of intention to resign. It was learned yesterday after interviews with a number of Councilors.

The general consensus was, "We'll believe it only when Mr. Shragal appears and submits his resignation in writing to the Municipal Council."

It was felt that the Mayor, who has been in office for several months, could be dismissed from office by the Council.

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## 150,000 Learned Basic Hebrew

At least 150,000 adults learned the fundamentals of the Hebrew language in Government and other public courses since the establishment of the State, Mr. A. Shragal, head of the Ministry of Education and Culture's Language Study Department, said yesterday. He was speaking at a national convention of Hebrew teaching institutions in Jerusalem.

Although 40,000 to 50,000 adults study annually in various schools and courses, 200,000 to 250,000 persons lack an elementary knowledge of the language, he said. He suggested, in the light of the decreased immigration, that the various institutions concentrate on improving their methods of teaching and on attracting new immigrants for further study.

A programme for standardizing the courses and including more subject matter has been presented to the various institutions. A study of the basic word list is being carried out, and the Ministry plans to publish a standard language book for the various trades.

A suggestion was also brought forth to institute a minimum tuition fee for courses in cities and a lower one for villages and mabarot.

"Hahoker" Acquitted Of Printing Wrong Report  
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## More 'Saucers' In U.S. Sky

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. — Radar showed as many as 15 "flying saucers" in the air early today — for the third time in a fortnight. An airplane sent to investigate found nothing, but other pilots reported seeing "lights."

U.S. Air Force experts said they were satisfied that the recent sightings resulted from natural causes. Major-General John A. Sanford, Director of Air Force Intelligence, said an analysis of the objects during six years revealed "no pattern that shows anything remotely consistent with any menace to the U.S."

Saucer Note  
A saucer note was struck by Mr. Robert L. Farnsworth, President of the U.S. Rocket Society, who in a telegram to President Truman asked that no offensive action be taken against the unidentified objects.

"Should they be extra-terrestrial, such actions might result in the gravest consequences as well as possibly alienating us from far superior beings. Friendly contact should be sought as long as possible."

The saucers were called "trepanners" by Mr. James T. Mangum, of Chicago, who registered a deed for outer space. He said his deed permits only natural phenomena to pass through space, but forbids any artificial activity such as saucers.

(U.P. Reuter)

Girl Drowned  
HAIFA, Wednesday. — Yehonah Shvintz, 22, living in the Beit Hahatutah in Rehov Yaffa, drowned while bathing at Kibbutz Hahatutah yesterday afternoon.

Her body was taken to Government Hospital here.

Killed by Grenade  
REHOVOT, Wednesday. — Mr. Moshe Rosenfeld, 34, of Kfar Truman, was killed instantly this morning when a grenade he had deposited under irrigation pipes, for fear of theft, exploded when he removed the pipe.

The deceased deposited grenades under the pipes at night and took them away in the morning. He forgot to remove the grenades this morning.

Israel and Jordan To Fight Malaria  
A joint Israel-Jordan malaria project is to begin in the Latrun no-man's land on August 13 and continue for several days. "A-Diffa," the Old City daily, reports. This follows a decision reached by both sides at a meeting at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem on Tuesday.

Health Department personnel are to meet near Latrun on Sunday to survey the area. Similar projects are to take place in the Beit Safa, Eilat, and Deir Abu Tuma.

Arab Refugees To Get Passports  
Special Palestine passports are to be issued to all refugees, according to a proposal being studied by the Arab countries, the Arab News Agency reports.

The passports will not only maintain the Arab refugees as an entity, but will aid in identifying them when the time comes to return them to their former homes, it was said.

Thousands Expected at Zichron Song and Wine Festival  
Jerusalem Post Bureau  
TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Many thousands of tourists and local residents are expected to attend the Grape Festival to be held at Zichron Ya'acov on August 12 and 13.

The first day will be devoted to a "Carnival of Wine and Vine" depicting all phases of viticulture and wine production from biblical times to the present day. A massed choir will perform on the second day, as part of the "Hananim" song festival, in a specially-constructed amphitheatre seating 20,000, with standing room for thousands more.

Special buses will be permitted by the Ministry of Communications to run to and from Zichron Ya'acov till late at night on both days.

The s.s. Negah sailed from Marseilles yesterday with 500 singers who will take part in the Haganah festival, while another 500 are to sail in the s.s. Galila tomorrow. Hundreds of other participants are due here by special El Al planes next week.

Baron Philip de Rothschild, of Paris, who heads the European committee for the festival, is due by air on Monday.

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With deep sorrow we announce the death of our dear husband, father and grandfather  
**Rabbi Eliyahu Berman**  
(SON OF RABBI TODRUS BERMAN)  
who passed away on Wednesday, July 30, 1953.  
The funeral took place on the same day and he was laid to rest at the Sanhedria Cemetery, Jerusalem.

Mourners: His wife, sons, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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## BEHIND THE MIDDLE EAST NEWS

### Farouk Fought Losing Battle

EVER since early 1948, when the first complaints on faulty arms reached Cairo, Farouk had been fighting a losing battle. On July 26, 1948, the king — on the advice of Karim Tabet, Royal Press Officer, who knew the full ramifications of the scandal — dismissed the "weak" coalition of Saadists and Liberals and appointed Hussein Sirry as Premier to prepare the ascent to power of the Wafd. He was despairingly called in for the protection of the regime which was shaken by mounting criticism.

On May 30, 1950, an Independent Senator, Mustafa Mar'i, revealed details of the accusations and courageously demanded prosecution. After a delay of almost two years — late in 1950 — proceedings were officially opened by the War and Marine Ministries. It needed more public pressure to institute civil instead of military proceedings. When these came off, the inculcated — endowed with the necessary facilities — were so proficient in tampering with evidence that the public prosecutor threatened to resign. In the first stages of the inquiry Farouk dismissed Heidar Pasha, the Commander of the Army, and Osman Mahdi, his Chief of Staff, as a concession to the public rather than for any more pertinent reason. In one of his gambles he called both back in May 1951, the trial having been postponed.

**Arms Scandal**  
However, the social changes which the Palestine War had wrought in the Egyptian Army made the arms scandal into a far-reaching event. The loyal regular officers corps, which knew the war from orchestrated parades and flashy manoeuvres, was enlarged by a broad layer of ambitious young men from below. Fresh political trends, rather than the stagnant phraseology of the professional politicians, found their way into the lower and middle strata of the officers' corps. It was here that Egypt's defeat in Palestine gave rise, apart from the justified complaints about graft and corruption, to a virulent "stab in the back" complex. When the trial was reopened this year, under Hilal and with increasing pressure from the young officers, the accused had gathered sufficient affinity to try and turn the tables. They charged the prosecutors with "libelling the good name of the king, the country and the Army." That was pouring oil on the unruly waves of the new social force. Hussein Sirry, once again charged with riding the storm of a crisis, recognized the danger and proposed Maj.-Gen. Muhammad Najib as War Minister because of his growing popularity. In an angry and irascible mood the King deposed him and appointed

another relative, Colonel Shorin, as War Minister in Hilal's Cabinet, the last to be freely appointed by him. By this he himself set the fuse of the coming explosion. Farouk's friends — When the king, after a hasty ultimatum — a veritable act of lese majeste — stepped on the gangplank of his luxury yacht, six months to the day after Black Saturday, he had no friends. He had been willing to conclude yet another protective alliance with the Wafd in an atmosphere of veiled mutual threats. At heart the Wafd was the king's arch enemy. The Moslem Brotherhood's relations with the king had always been cool. The unorthodox king's suspected aspirations to a Caliphate inspired and organized this purist and "publican" movement. As far as cooperation was concerned, it was founded on a common attempt to contain the Wafd and the Communists. The Liberals and Independents had long been disappointed. The public at large watched his exit with stunned silence, trying to catch up with changing times. There was nobody to defend him.

Mohammed Najib, having deposed a king, appointed a government (in fact, if not in form) and purged the top ranks of the Army. Is now Egypt's "strong man." His professed regard for the constitution can therefore not be taken too literally, and success is a stimulant to further action. In any case, Najib must either maintain the Army's grip on Egyptian politics or fall victim to the

interests he antagonized. He is thus engaged in a politico-military struggle for power. Najib's ready smile and his sleek tribute to the usurper when he descended from his plane, under police escort, were the opening courtesies to an enemy whose full intentions are as yet unknown. Any liaison of Najib with the conservative wing of the Wafd carries the danger that the sticky sap of the Party's reactionary interests will petrize the ardour and plan of his movement. Even the young and progressive Wafdist left wing's extremism in matters of foreign policy is not likely to square with Najib's concern for the Army and its dependence on foreign supplies. That is where Najib came in. Yet it is the younger Wafdist among them many of Najib's officers, which may provide Najib with a potent political backing. It is early to say whether Najib — born in Khartoum of rustic stock, once an astute lawyer, polyglot and an eloquent leader — is cut out to be the man who can force a split in the Wafd.

**Second Rising**  
Najib's coup is the second rising in the modern history of Egypt. In 1881 a fellah officer, Ahmed Arabi, "solid, direct and influencing the masses by a rude kind of native eloquence" led an insurrection, following the ignominious defeat of the Egyptian Army in Abyssinia under the Khedive Ismail. He played a great part in the direction of Egyptian politics until a desperate military adventure, the battle of Tel-el-Kebir, cut short his career.

## Readers' Letters

### ENCOURAGING BLACK MARKETEERS

To the Editor of THE POST  
Sir, — I feel I must express my concern about the reported statement in the Knesset by the Minister of Police that he had not dismissed the Assistant Superintendent of Port Police in Haifa, after the latter had been convicted of buying a black market refrigerator, because his action was "not a criminal offence but was considered an offence only because we are in an emergency."

I would have thought that perjury, the making of false declarations and the breaking of the laws of the country constituted offences at all times, whether a state of emergency prevailed or not. Since, however, Mr. Shitreet feels that during an emergency such behaviour may be regarded more lightly than at other times, I think it relevant to remind him that the laws which seek to combat the black market were introduced precisely because there is an emergency in the

## NATURE NOTES

### Night Life

WHEN I was younger I sometimes watched the night through, for instance on the hill where a badger has his earth, once being rewarded by seeing two cubs and their mother at play. But nowadays I am content to see what is going on from my porch, usually with the light on. Badgers and others, by the by, are not rare in our district, but foxes seem to have vanished. I have seen ichneumonids (killing) and wildcats, several times but not frequently; a hyena once — not far from Zichron — and apart from the still far too numerous jackals that all you are likely to meet. Leopards and Syrian bears are almost extinct. All these are night prowlers, but excepting for jackals none of them enter my garden.

The owls do, however, and I can think of nothing more pleasantly mysterious and shyer than the barn owl — rare in England and Western Europe, but common here — in its silent flight, especially when the individual is as good as white. They vary from white to dun and brown. To see that apparition alight soundlessly only a few feet away and stare at you with its mournful yellow eyes is quite an experience. The farmers shoot them because they eat young pigeons, but I should think they are more useful than the reverse, for mice and voles, these curses of the agriculturist, are their staple diet.

## WAR DAMAGE PAYMENTS ALSO TO COVER MARAUDERS

### Arnona Biggest Insurance Firm

By ROBERT GARY

ARNONA, the "unwanted" Government agency set up about two years ago to handle war damage claims, has become the nation's largest insurance company and shows signs of growing even bigger. Since it was reluctantly established by the Government after private companies could not or would not insure war damage insurance, more than IL2m. have been paid into Arnona's special account. Mr. O. Maroni, head of the agency's Jerusalem branch, explained that the Arnona payments made by every property owner were actually a levy, not differentiated from a tax which goes into the Government's general revenue and may be expended for any official debt. Arnona funds cannot be used by the Finance Ministry for any other purpose but to pay off war damage claims.

Although this part of the programme has been in force for more than a year, property owners began to pay "willingly" only last April when the Knesset passed legislation authorizing payments for damage done in the War of Liberation. Mr. Maroni termed the move "compulsory," noting that not even France has begun to pay its citizens for war damage.

These payments fall into two categories: damage to property inside the country's borders and damage of property which is not now in Israel territory. Arnona funds are authorized to compensate owners whose damaged property is in Israel but not for the second category. The latter are being issued "modest grants" from a special fund authorized by the Knesset. Claims for property damage outside the country had to be submitted by June 20, it was stated, while domestic claims must be sent in by the end of August. It is expected that about 5,000 claims will be made, totaling IL1,500,000. Another 4,000 applications were received but not considered since they were claims for household goods for which payment is not authorized.

**Basis of Payments**  
Payments to persons in both categories started on July 1 and "hundreds" of claims have been settled, Mr. Maroni stated. Many claims were exaggerated or else based on the present day cost of the property or equipment. The law orders Arnona to pay 50 per cent of the item's value on the day the damage occurred. Furthermore, the War of Liberation is not considered to have started with the establishment of the State, but on November 29, 1947, when the U.N. voted for partition, and is considered to have ended on July 20, 1949, when the last armistice agreement was signed.

For claimants of property damage within the country's

borders a court of appeal exists. It consists of three representatives of the Ministries of Finance, Justice and Interior. Its decision is final. For claims outside the country's borders a public committee has been set up to pass upon all Arnona decisions. Names of the members are not published to prevent interested parties from applying pressure on them, but the members are drawn from various walks of life. Most of them are in Jerusalem since 90 per cent of these claims are for damage done in the area near the capital, such as in the Old City, Atarot, the Etzion Bloc and the northern Dead Sea district.

**Marauders' Damage**  
Another Arnona provision will go into effect on October 1 when the agency will begin paying claims for damage done to property after July 20, 1949, either by Arab infiltrators or by the activities of the Israel Army. Although no exact figures as to the amount of the claims are yet known, Mr. Maroni pointed out that an Army spokesman had announced that damage perpetrated by infiltrators had been estimated at IL2m. Mr. Maroni expressed the opinion that the Arnona law "is still incomplete" since it does not cover persons who rented apartments and lost their household goods because of enemy action. "After all, we are making small grants to people who lost their belongings in areas now outside our borders," he declared, "so why shouldn't we compensate to some extent tenants, for example, who lost everything during the Rehov Beer Sheva bombing?" He stated that efforts were now being made to amend the law in this direction.

### Exemplary Action

The Government was forced to enter the business when potential investors demanded war damage insurance. Arnona was then set up and made compulsory for every property owner. On equipment, the levy is one per cent of the estimated value; dwelling-owners pay IL4 per IL1,000 of the estimated value, and owners of business premises pay IL7 per IL1,000. Mr. Maroni observed that since the premiums are always based on a low estimate the money paid into the fund does not cover the real value but will give the owner the possibility to begin rebuilding in case of damage.

### SWIMMING RECORD

To the Editor of THE POST  
Sir, — I should like to correct the statement in your issue of July 24 "Three New Swimming Records" that my record in 1953 was 1 min. 15.9 sec. It was 1 min. 17.1 sec. (Bat Galim pool). My Austrian record was 1 min. 13 sec.  
Yours etc.,  
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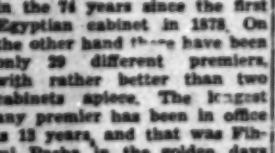
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## KEEPING POSTED

WE have been studying some statistics on Egyptian cabinets, and it has confirmed our faith that no private boss could be half as capricious with his employees as the Egyptian people. Reckoning from the day Ali Maher's cabinet took over, there have been 70 different governments.

It was not too late to make friends there and practise a degree of orthodoxy — for colonial officials — that is still remembered with affection. An Israel diplomat on his way through India a while ago found himself reminiscing with an Indian colleague on the relative merits and demerits of British rule and the "Hindus".

your hands to squeeze the molar fruit remains obstinately silent, whether ripe or not.  
WE offer the following incident as a warning to girls who like to be offered seats on buses. A robust, red-haired 16-year-old boy from a Galilee kibbutz was sitting in a bus on his way to Haifa. He did not often get a chance of travelling on his own and recalled his mother's lectures on politeness when he noticed a pretty girl a little older



In the 74 years since the first Egyptian cabinet in 1878, on the other hand there have been only 29 different premiers, with rather better than two cabinets apiece. The longest any premier has been in office is 13 years, and that was Fikri Pasha in the golden days of the turn of the century. The briefest stretch served by any premier was Hilal Pasha's single day last week. Further, of the 47 cabinets in office for less than a year two were led for less than a week each, three for less than a month, and 24 for less than six months.

A correspondent from Ramat Gan writes that he has been spending a lively day in his house just behind the polling station for the Histadrut election. "There is an inevitable and nerveless almost palpable iron curtain between the sun-drenched occupants of the tables distributing votes, slips, and a subject on which they found they got together very happily. Finally the Indian said: 'Mount-batten, now. Of course he had all the advantage of being the last viceroy, but when Gandhi died he came to mourn him, and sat with us in the dust. And our dust isn't clean, like in England, it's spit and dung and filth, and he knew it.'"



than himself, but smartly dressed, standing just in front of him. He got up amiably and said to her: 'Chevrons, would you like to sit down?' She looked at him with contempt, and said: 'It's a long time before I'll be your chevrons.' The boy shrugged a shoulder, still amiable. 'In that case I might as well sit down again,' and did.

A LITTLE while ago we had occasion to write of the curious practice of listening to a melon before you eat it. We have now received instructions from a member of the "Shis" proper process is to squeeze a water melon firmly between the bones of your two wrists. "When the melon is ripe this causes a slight but clearly audible rattling noise, like that made by biting into a juicy apple." If you use

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